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**LANSING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPOSES TERMINATION OF
CORRECTIONS OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH MANARD ESCAPE**

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Warden David McKune of the Lansing Correctional Facility is proposing the termination of the Lansing Correctional Facility corrections officer who failed to follow facility security protocols which require the search of vehicles exiting the facility. The staff member's failure to search the Safe Harbor Prison Dog Program van allowed John Manard to leave the facility undetected. Manard was hidden in a dog crate that had been placed in the van by several other Lansing inmates.

John Michael Manard escaped from Lansing Correctional Facility on Sunday, February 12, 2006 with the help of Toby Young, President of the Safe Harbor Prison Dog Program. Authorities have no current leads on where the two might be, but are actively continuing the search with the help of local, state and national law enforcement agencies.

The decision to propose the termination of the corrections officer came after a review of the February 12, 2006 facility videotape which included images of the van leaving the facility. Investigators also conducted an interview with the officer who was responsible for searching the van.

Under civil service regulations, the officer will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed action with the Warden. After that time, the Warden will make the decision about whether to finalize the proposal, modify it, or withdraw the action.

If the officer disagrees with any disciplinary action that is imposed, he will have the opportunity to appeal to the State Civil Service Board.

In connection with this release, there will be a news conference held at Lansing Correctional Facility today at 4:30 p.m. Attached are additional archive photos of John Manard and Toby Young.

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